वित्तीय सहायता के लिए परियोजनाएं क्रमिक वर्षों के लिए वर्ष दर वर्ष आधार पर अभिनिर्धारित की जाती हैं और 1999-2000 के लिए इस प्रकार की परियोजनाएं अभिनिर्धारित नहीं की गई हैं।

Development of Tourism in Pondicherry

2324. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from the Union Territory of Pondicherry for development of tourism in the Union Territory;

(b) the number of proposals cleared till 31st December, 1998 and the details thereof; and

(c) the number of proposals pending and the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the Union Territory of Pondicherry have prioritised 11 projects/schemes for Central Financial Assistance during the year 1998-99 for Rs. 189.00 lakhs. However, no proposals were received from the Union Territory of Pondicherry till 31st December 1998. Therefore as on that date no proposal was pending.

Religous book kept in ITDC Hotels

2325. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a book pertaining to a particular religion is kept in the rooms of the Hotels (Ashok Group) run by the ITDC;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to keep books relating to other religions also;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government propose to remove those books from the Hotel rooms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) to (e) No, Sir. As per existing policy, books of various religions as are made available free of cost to ITDC by the respective bodies are placed in guest rooms of ITDC hotels without favour and discrimination to any particular religion.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Indian Airlines Ltd., New Delhi and Airline Allied Services Ltd., New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): Sir, I lay on the table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under subsection (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Airlines Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1997-98, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Annual Report and Accounts of the Airline Allied Services Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the above Companies.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at I(a) and (b) above.

(Placed in Library, *See* No. LT-2707/99)